

## CaBIG-DSIC Liaison Reports 8/19/2004

Training: Ed Quick (OHSU) – This WG last met on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Both the Developer SIG and Adopter SIG are working on video conferencing options and plans for developing training documents. The Communication SIG is under reconstruction. The Training Group also discussed its plans for a face-to-face meeting to be held in conjunction with the APII meeting in October.

Clinical Trials: Don Connelly (University of Minnesota) -

This WG had a face-to-face meeting in Pittsburgh in July, which was very productive. The five SIGs made presentations to the entire group in 2-hour plenary sessions each. The participation level was high and the group decided on a number of action items. However, since the follow up teleconference held last week had low attendance, many action items are still outstanding. Don noted that this WS has made progress in setting priorities but to date has not generated data sharing issues for consideration by the DSIC WG. City of Hope will host the next CT WS face-to-face meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for mid October.

CT SIG updates:

**Structured Protocol SIG** – This SIG plans to redefine and clarify the vision for protocols with humans and computers. (this seems odd as written, but I don't remember the point that was presented and I'm not sure what the change should be)

**Lab Interface** – Investigators from Sloan Kettering recently made a presentation that raised a HIPAA-related data sharing issue: how long can a study keep collecting data on consented patients and what kinds of data may be kept?

**Compatibility** – This SIG will continue to consider how to define caBIG compatibility.

**CTMS/CDUS** – A few NCI representatives are active in this SIG. They are setting goals for setting up communications tools. Joyce Niland gave a presentation on how to prioritize activities.

Tissue Banks and Pathology Tools Workspace: Mark Watson (Washington University - Siteman)

The TBPT WS had its last teleconference on August 17<sup>th</sup>. A face-to-face meeting is likely to be scheduled in October. This meeting will try to assemble the experts in tissue banks to discuss use cases and will be held at a Mid-Atlantic location. One of the TBPT SIGs is beginning to address IRB issues. This group will ask members attending the October face-to-face meeting to present specimen bank documents used at their centers. The TPBT WS may subsequently prepare a white paper that recommends model provisions to help with specimen banking.